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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CANDIDACY FOR CD MEMBERSHIP

1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR NOTERDAEME CALLED ON CCD AMBASSADOR FISHER AUGUST 10 TO "SEEK ADVICE" ON HOW TO PROCEED IN ADVANCING BELGIUM'S CANDIDACY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD).

2. FISHER POINTED OUT THAT GENEVA IS NOT TO BE VENUE FOR MAKING DECISIONS ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND SAID THAT CONSULTATION PROCESS WOULD PROBABLY BE "TRANSCENDENTAL". FISHER AND NOTERDAEME WENT OVER BY NOW WELL-PLOUGHED GROUND OF GENERAL PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE, QUESTION OF NATO MEMBERSHIP, AND WHETHER THE NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE.

3. IN MAKING HIS PITCH FOR BELGIUM'S SELECTION, NOTERDAEME POINTED TO BELGIAN "ORTHODOXY" IN SUPPORTING NATO

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AND WESTERN POSITIONS ON DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY ISSUES, SAYING THAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE COUNTERWEIGHT TO SOVIET-ORIENTED COUNTRIES. (HE HAD EARLIER MENTIONED CUBA AND VIETNAM IN THIS CATEGORY.) IN ADDITION, NOTERDAEME NOTED THAT WITHIN NATO BELGIUM SEEMED THE LOGICAL CHOICE, BUILDING HIS CASE ON A PROCESS OF ELIMINATION. HE SAID THE NORDICS ARE ALREADY WELL REPRESENTED BY SWEDEN

AND SAID THAT FINLAND WOULD HAVE SOME SORT OF REPRESENTATION IN THE CD EITHER THROUGH MEMBERSHIP OR BY PROVIDING THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE. AS TO THE SOUTHERN FLANK, NOTERDAEME SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY ANY POSSIBLE CANDIDACIES FROM THAT AREA WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS.

4. FISHER MADE POINT THAT HE WAS NOT PERSON WITH WHOM TO NEGOTIATE ON QUESTION OF CD MEMBERSHIP, BUT SAID HE WOULD REPORT NOTERDAEME'S VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

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